

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A plug-in connector, in particular for airbag retaining systems comprising

a first housing, which can be locked in a mating connector by means of locking arms, and

a secondary locking mechanism that can be loaded with a spring force, in which the secondary locking mechanism has tongues, which block the locking arms after they are engaged in the mating connector, as well as detent arms, which are blocked by one edge of the mating connector during the introduction process, until the locking arms are engaged, ~~is hereby characterized in that~~ wherein the locking detent arms are then adapted to slide off the edge, wherein due to the spring force that has been previously built up, ~~and press~~ the secondary locking mechanism is then adapted to be moved into its final position, wherein the detent arms have beveled catch pieces on their free ends.

2. (Currently amended) A plug-in connector, in particular for airbag retaining systems comprising

a first housing, which can be locked in a mating connector by means of locking arms, and

a secondary locking mechanism that can be loaded with a spring force, in which the secondary locking mechanism has tongues, which block the locking arms after they are engaged in the mating connector, as well as detent arms, which are blocked by one edge of the mating connector during the introduction process, until the locking arms are engaged, ~~is hereby characterized in that~~ wherein the locking detent arms are then adapted to slide off the edge, wherein due to the spring force that has been previously built up, ~~and press~~ the secondary locking mechanism is adapted to be moved into its final position, wherein ramps on a part of the first housing move the detent arms away from edge ~~just before the complete compressing of helical springs.~~

3. (Previously presented) The plug-in connector according to claim 1, further characterized in that the secondary locking mechanism is supported on housing by means of at least one helical spring, wherein the helical spring or springs is or are relieved of strain when the plug-in connector is not plugged in as well as when it is plugged in.

4. (Previously presented) The plug-in connector according to claim 3, further characterized in that the detent arms are shaped like a pair of tuning forks with catch pieces protruding outward.

5. (Previously presented) The plug-in connector according to claim 2, further characterized in that the housing has a connecting half and a back half, which can be locked with one

another and in which the secondary locking mechanism with helical springs is disposed.

6. (Currently amended) ~~The plug-in connector according to claim 1,~~ A plug-in connector, in particular for airbag retaining systems comprising:

a first housing, which can be locked in a mating connector by means of locking arms, and

a secondary locking mechanism that can be loaded with a spring force, in which the secondary locking mechanism has tongues, which block the locking arms after they are engaged in the mating connector, as well as detent arms, which are blocked by one edge of the mating connector during the introduction process, until the locking arms are engaged, wherein the detent arms are then adapted to slide off the edge, wherein due to the spring force that has been previously built up, the secondary locking mechanism is adapted to be moved into its final position, wherein the detent arms have beveled catch pieces on their free ends,

further characterized in that the secondary locking mechanism has pieces running crosswise to the plugging-in direction on opposite-lying sides, and these pieces engage in corresponding slots of a detaching aid surrounding the housing at least partially, and the secondary locking mechanism can be pulled out of mating connector by this aid against the force of springs and then the housing can be detached from mating connector in the state where the secondary lock is no longer engaged.

7. (New) A plug-in connector comprising

a first housing having locking arms, wherein the first housing is adapted to be locked in a mating connector by the locking arms, and

a secondary locking mechanism connected to the first housing, wherein the secondary locking mechanism is adapted to be loaded with a spring force on the first housing, wherein the secondary locking mechanism has tongues and detent arms, wherein the tongues are adapted to block the locking arms after the locking arms are engaged in the mating connector, wherein the detent arms are adapted to be blocked by an edge of the mating connector during insertion of the first housing into the mating connector until the locking arms are engaged with the mating connector,

wherein the detent arms have beveled free ends and/or a part of the first housing have ramps which are adapted to engage the detent arms such that, after the locking arms are engaged in the mating connector and after a build up of the spring force, the detent arms are adapted to be moved away from edge to move the secondary locking mechanism into its final position.